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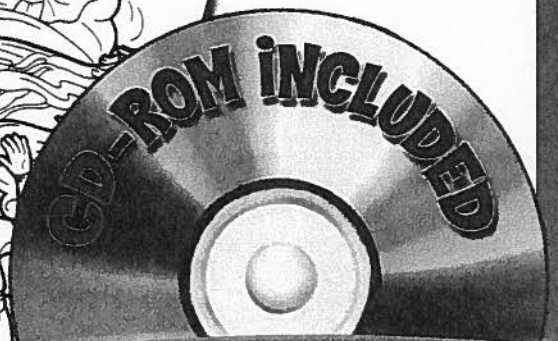
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Great Ways to Use These Pages:

✿ **Storytelling Tool:** Photocopy the Bible story coloring page to use as a visual aid during storytelling time. As you tell the story, color in parts of the picture to keep children's interest and to help them focus on the part of the story you are telling. For larger groups, make transparencies and color them on an overhead projector as you tell the story.



✿ **Felt Board Figures:** Glue a colored Bible story coloring page to poster board. Cut out the main characters and then glue strips of felt to the backs of the characters. Use them with a felt board to give visual impact to your Bible storytelling.



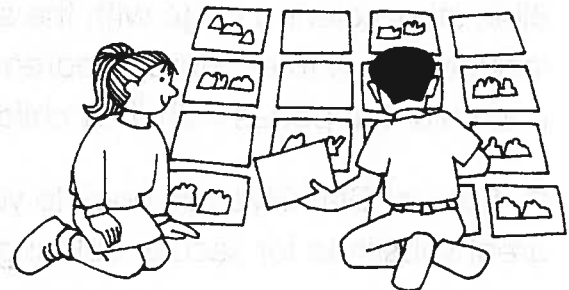
✿ **Story Review:** Photocopy a coloring page for each student. After telling the story, ask questions to review the story as children color.

✿ **Review for Early Arrivals and Transition**

Times: Photocopy coloring pages of Bible stories you have recently talked about. Early arrivals can have a choice of pictures to color, giving you opportunities to ask questions and talk with

children about those stories. Also have copies available for children who finish an activity ahead of others and for other transition times.

✿ **Coloring Game:** After you've told the Bible story, place a variety of colored markers on the table. Distribute copies of the Bible story coloring page. Volunteers tell one part of the Bible story. Then each child chooses a marker and uses it to color one part of his or her page. When they're finished, children put markers down and volunteers tell another part of the story. Children then choose another marker and color another part of the page. Repeat the process until the pages (and story!) are completed.

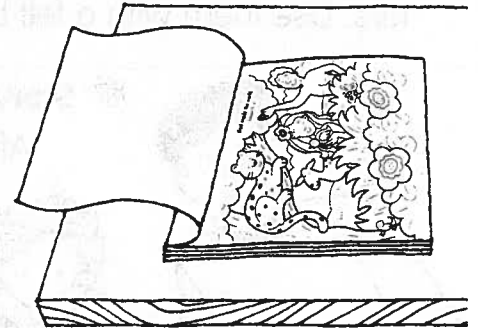


✿ **Concentration Game:** Photocopy a set of two pictures of each story you have talked about recently. Invite volunteers to color each set alike. Then place the pictures facedown on the floor. Children take turns turning over two pictures at a time, trying to find two matching pictures. Play continues until all picture sets have been paired.

✿ **Guessing Game:** Color (or invite volunteers to color) five or more coloring pages of Bible stories you have talked about. Display completed pictures. Give three clues for a story. Children try to guess which story you are describing. For example, for "Jesus is born" you could say, "I'm thinking of a happy night. I'm thinking of some good news that some people heard. I'm thinking of a very special baby."



✿ **Individual Coloring Books:** Photocopy several Bible story coloring pages for each child in your class. Fold 11x17-inch (28x43-cm) construction paper in half, insert pages and staple to make individual coloring books.



✿ **Bible Story Puzzle:** Color and then paste a completed Bible story coloring page onto poster board. Cover with clear adhesive paper and cut into puzzle pieces. Place puzzle pieces in a resealable sandwich bag and label. Make several puzzles and offer them during transition times or to early arrivals.

✿ **Puppets:** Color (or invite children to color) the main characters on the Bible story coloring page. Glue the colored page to poster board. Cut around the figures and glue the characters to craft sticks. Give to children to use as stick puppets.

✿ **Parent Involvement:** Send home with children two copies of a Bible story coloring page with the story photocopied on the back. Include a note to encourage parents to read the Bible story and color the pages with their children.

✿ **Special Gift:** Give this book to your children as a great substitute for secular coloring books.

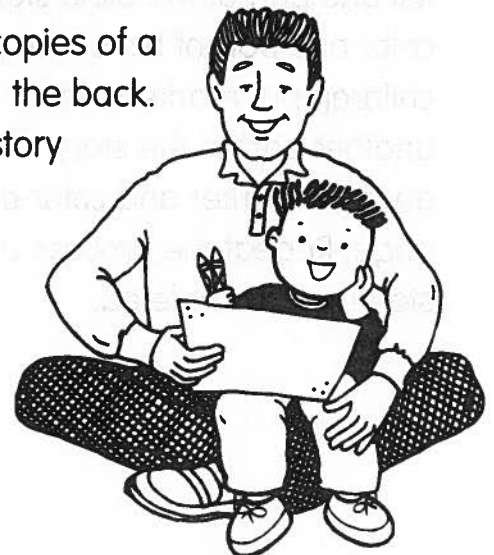


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God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25



God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25

In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, "Let there be light," and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good!

Then God said, "Let the sky be filled with birds that fly." And it was. He said, "Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures." Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good.

Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.



Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve lived in a wonderful garden. There were trees and plants with good food like apples, bananas, grapes and watermelon. There were flowers and trees and plants that were beautiful to look at. In the middle of the garden was a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the whole garden except the fruit that was growing on that one tree.

One day, a serpent talked to Eve and told her to eat the forbidden fruit. "If you eat some of that fruit, you would know things you didn't know before," the snake said. "You would be like God."

Eve listened to the serpent. She ate some of the fruit from the tree that God said not to eat from. Adam ate some, too. God was very sad that they had disobeyed Him. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden, but God still loved them very much.

Cain and Abel give offerings.
Genesis 4:1-16



Cain and Abel give offerings.

Genesis 4:1-16

Adam and Eve had two sons. Their names were Cain and Abel. The boys learned how to do different kinds of jobs to help their family. Cain, the older brother, was a farmer. Abel, the younger brother, grew up to be a shepherd.

Soon it was time to thank God for everything He had given to Adam and Eve's family. Cain brought an offering of some vegetables he had grown. Abel brought some of his sheep.

Abel had given thanks to God by giving Him the best gift he could. God was happy with the offering Abel brought. But God was not pleased with Cain's offering. This made Cain angry. God told Cain to do what was right. Then his offering

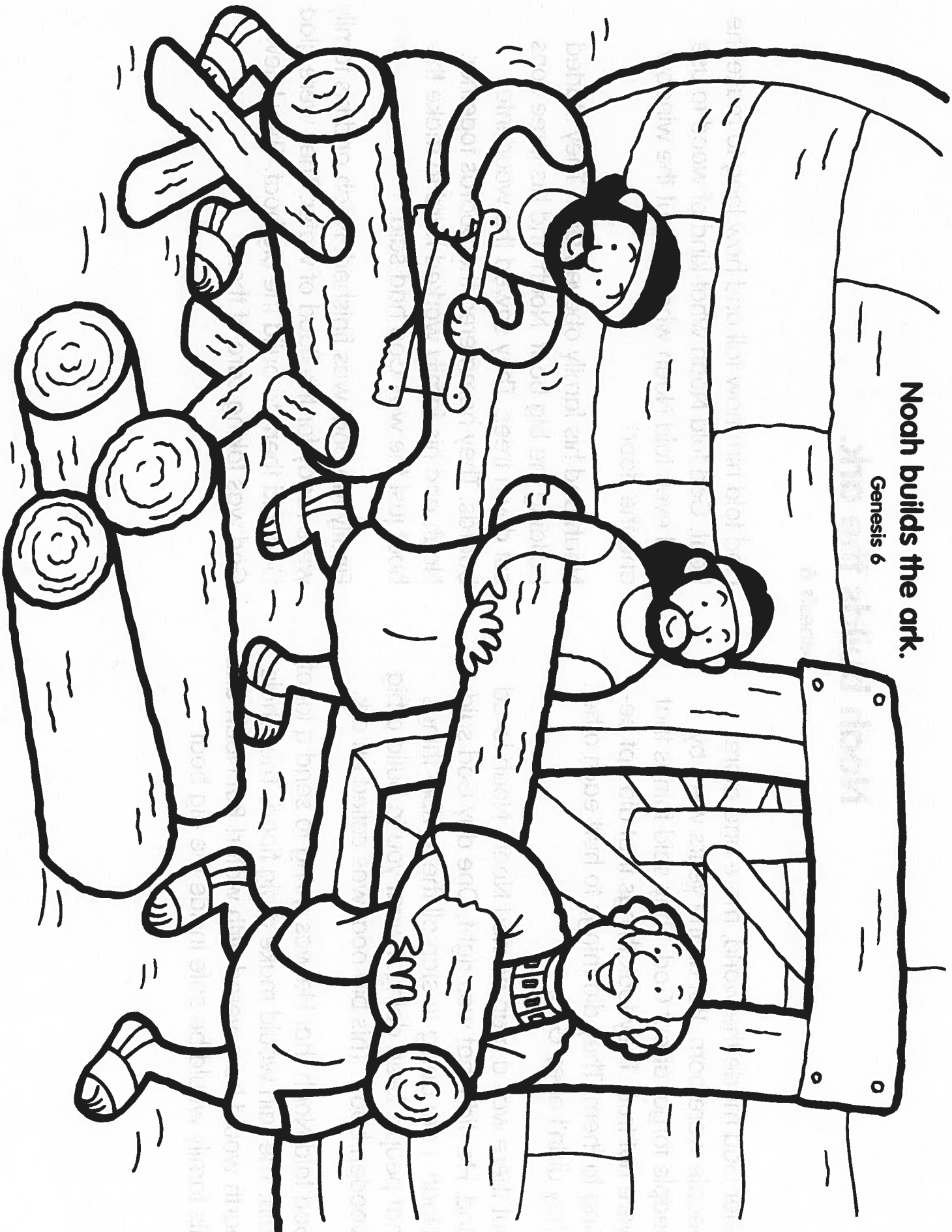
would please God. God said that if Cain didn't do what was right, more trouble would come. Cain didn't listen to God's warning and more trouble came. One day, when Cain and Abel were out in a field, Cain killed Abel.

God called to Cain, "Where is your brother, Abel?" Cain was angry and said to God, "I don't know where he is. Do I have to take care of my brother all the time?"

God knew Cain had killed Abel. God told Cain he would have to leave his home and stop being a farmer. Cain's trouble came because he did not love and obey God.

Noah builds the ark.

Genesis 6



Noah builds the ark.

Genesis 6

After God made the world, more and more people were born. But as the years went by, people forgot about God. They said things that were not true. They took things that did not belong to them. They did things to hurt each other. They didn't obey God.

But there was a man named Noah. Noah loved God. He did what was right. One day God said, "Noah, I am going to stop all the terrible things that people keep doing. I want you to build a big wooden boat." This big boat was called an ark.

God told Noah that He was going to send a lot of rain. The rain would make a big flood. The whole earth would be covered with water! But Noah and his family would be safe inside the big boat.

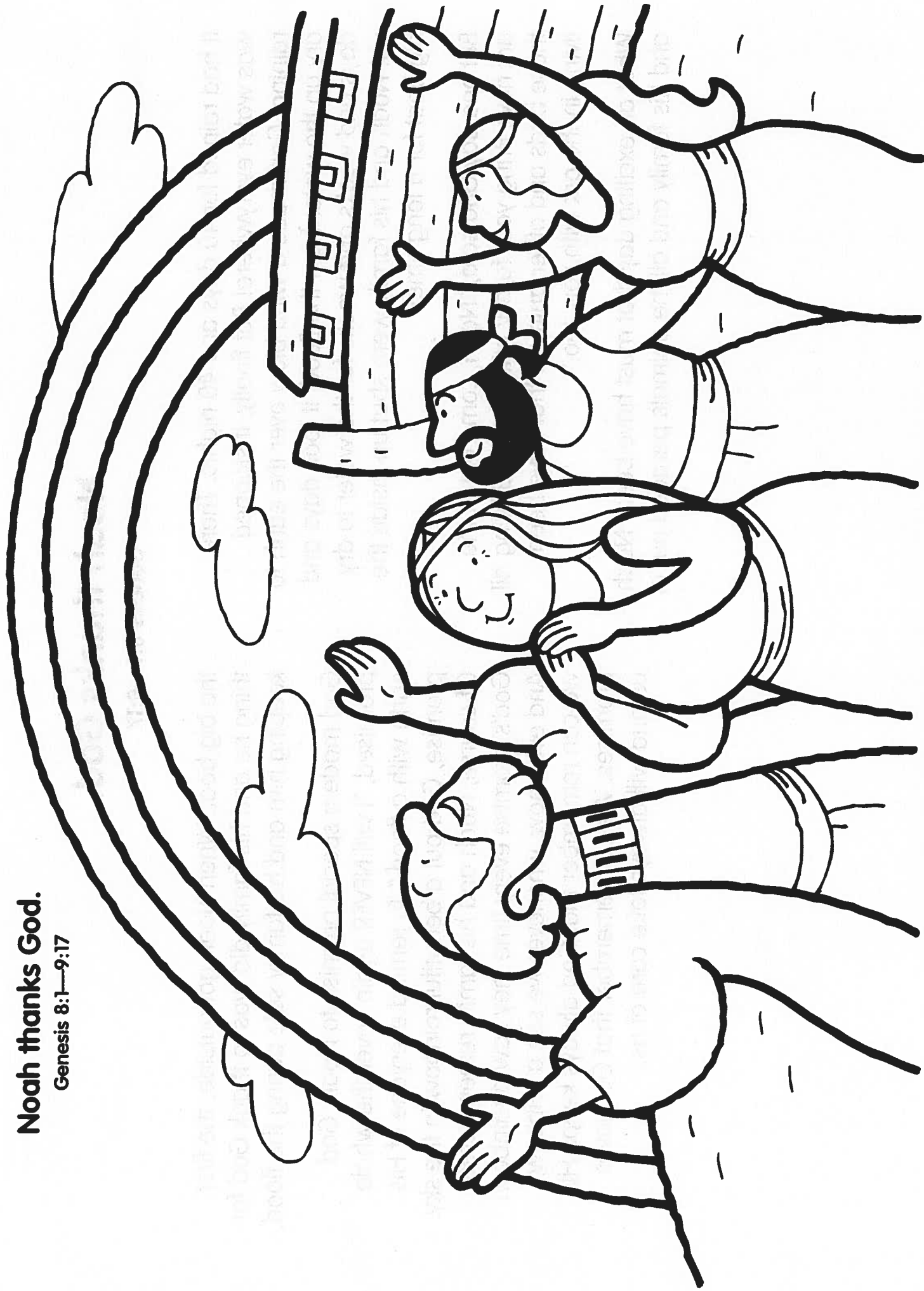
God told him how tall and how long to make the boat. God told Noah what kind of wood to use. God even told Noah where to put the window and the door!

Noah and his family obeyed God. They started building the big boat. Noah and his three sons cut down trees. They saved the wood into boards. They hammered the boards together. Noah and his family worked hard to make the boat just the way God had said.

Finally the boat was finished! Noah and his family were ready for the flood of water. They were glad God told them to build the big boat. They knew God was taking care of them.

Noah thanks God.

Genesis 8:1—9:17



Noah thanks God.

Genesis 8:1—9:17

It had rained for 40 days and 40 nights. There was water everywhere! But finally, it stopped raining. God made a wind blow over the earth to dry up the water from the flood. It took days and days and weeks and weeks for the water to dry up. Noah and his family were shut up inside the big boat for a long time!

But one day God said, "Noah, come out of the ark now. Bring your family with you. And bring all those birds and other animals that have been living in the ark with you, too."

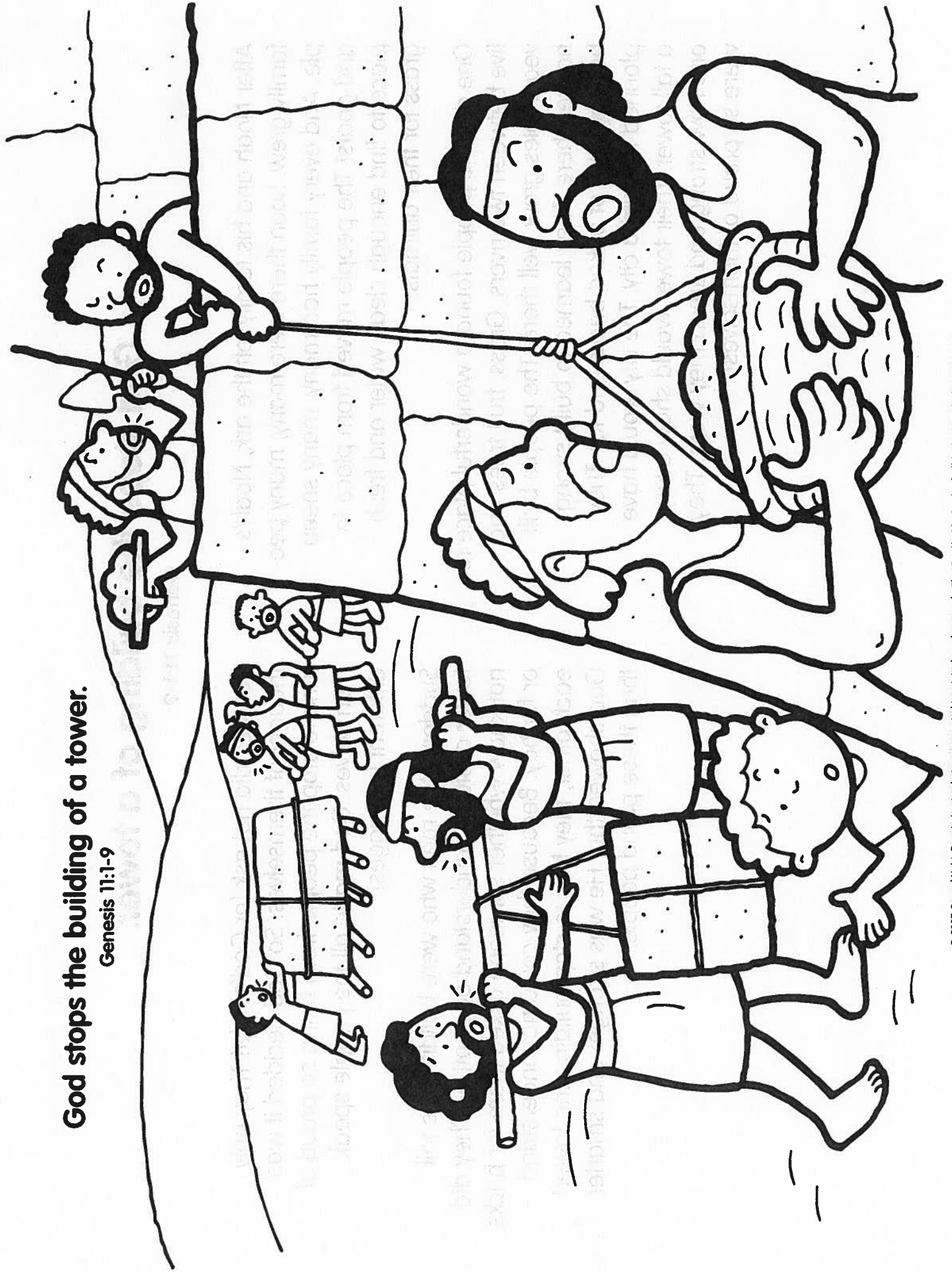
What an exciting day that must have been! Noah and his family and all the animals paraded out of

the big boat. When Noah got outside, the first thing he and his family did was to thank God for keeping him and his family safe during the flood.

God made a special promise to Noah. God promised, "I will NEVER again cover the whole earth with a flood." To remind everyone of His promise, God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Of course, Noah and his family remembered God's promise every time they saw a rainbow! And even now, whenever we see a rainbow, we can remember that God always keeps His promises. We can remember that God loves us and will always take care of us.

God stops the building of a tower.

Genesis 11:1-9





God stops the building of a tower.

Genesis 11:1-9

After Noah and his family left the ark, Noah's family grew. Soon there were many, many people. And every family had many, many sheep and goats! The people moved from place to place to find enough clean water and fresh grass for their animals.

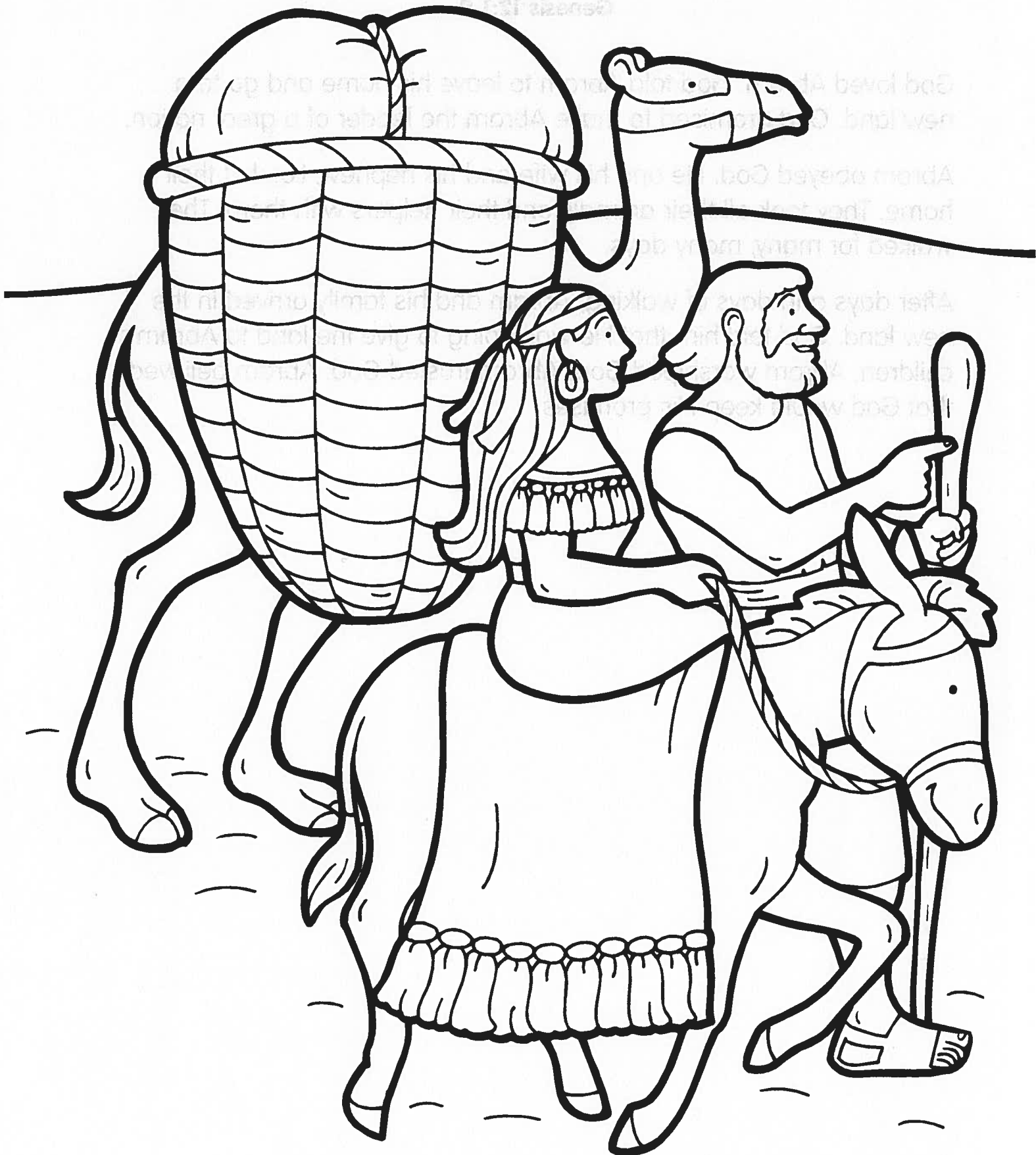
One day the people found a wonderful place to live between two rivers. Grass, fruit trees and vegetables grew well there. The people built houses there. They learned to build strong buildings out of baked bricks and tar. They planned to build a city. The city would have a tall tower. Their tower would show everyone how strong and smart they were. They were so proud of themselves!

But they did not ask for God's help! They only thought of themselves. So God decided it was time to stop the people from being so proud of themselves. God made all the people speak different languages!

Suddenly the men who were building the tall tower could not understand each other. They did not know whether someone asked them for bricks or for hay. Because they could not understand each other, they had to stop building the tower! God showed that He was stronger and smarter than these proud people.

Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9



Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9

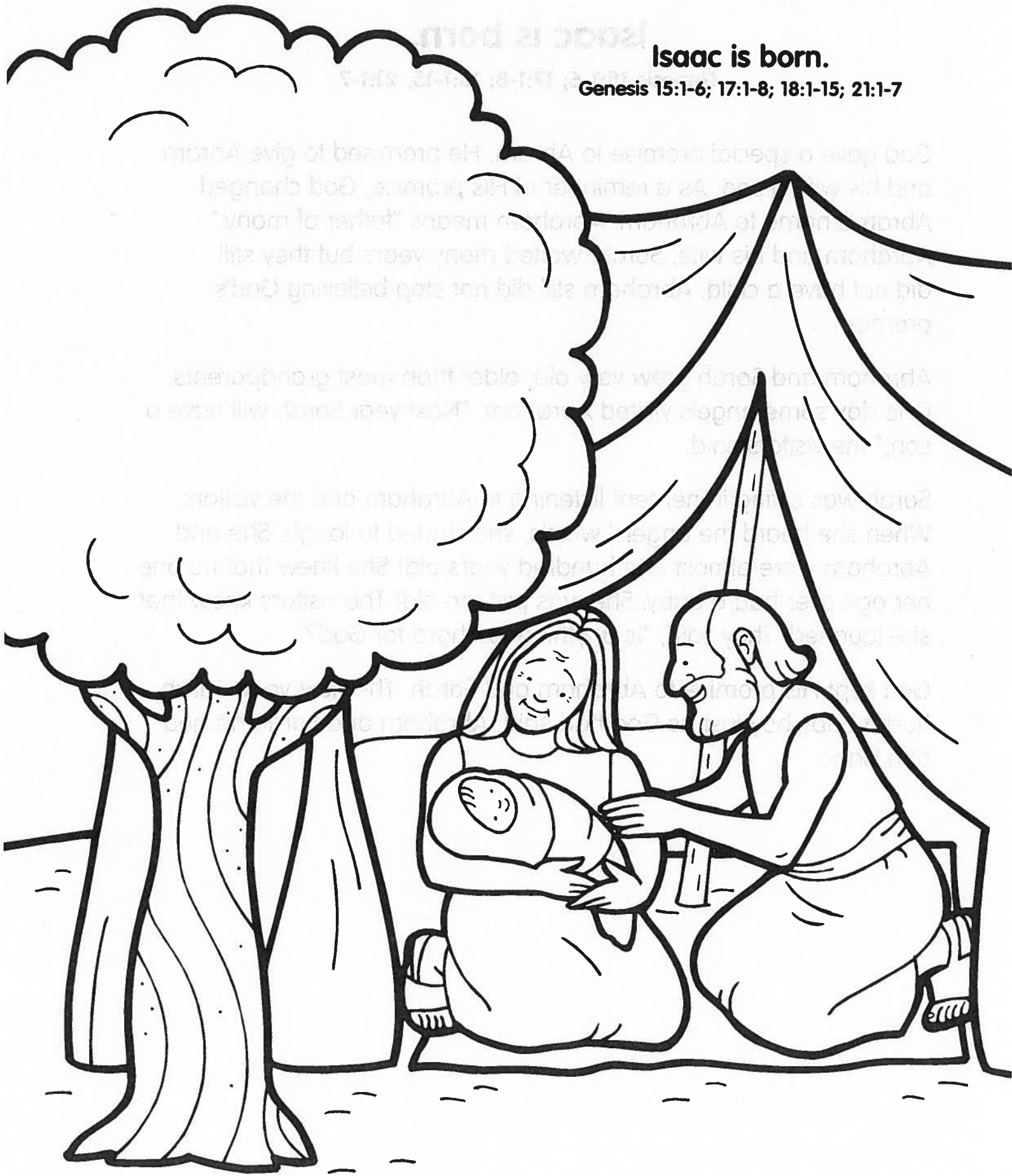
God loved Abram. God told Abram to leave his home and go to a new land. God promised to make Abram the leader of a great nation.

Abram obeyed God. He and his wife and his nephew, Lot, left their home. They took all their animals and their helpers with them. They walked for many, many days.

After days and days of walking, Abram and his family arrived in the new land. God told him that He was going to give the land to Abram's children. Abram worshiped God. Abram trusted God. Abram believed that God would keep His promises.

Isaac is born.

Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 18:1-15; 21:1-7



Isaac is born.

Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

God gave a special promise to Abram. He promised to give Abram and his wife a son. As a reminder of His promise, God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abraham means "father of many." Abraham and his wife, Sarah, waited many years but they still did not have a child. Abraham still did not stop believing God's promise.

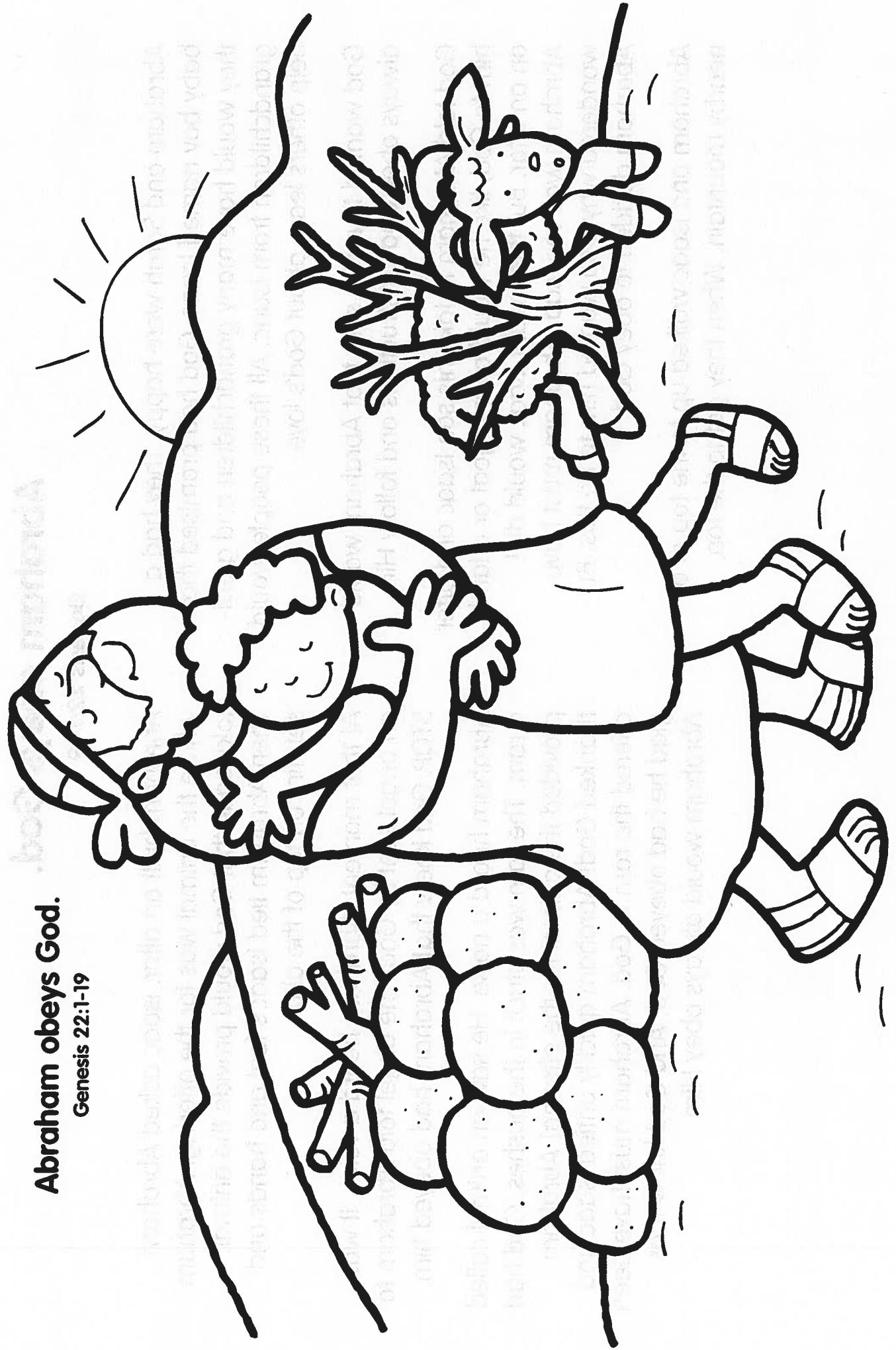
Abraham and Sarah grew very old, older than most grandparents. One day some angels visited Abraham. "Next year Sarah will have a son," the visitors said.

Sarah was sitting in her tent listening to Abraham and the visitors. When she heard the angels' words, she started to laugh. She and Abraham were almost one hundred years old! She knew that no one her age ever had a baby. She was just too old! The visitors knew that she laughed. They said, "Is anything too hard for God?"

God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah. The next year, Sarah had a baby boy just as God had said. Abraham and Sarah named him Isaac.

Abraham obeys God.

Genesis 22:1-19



Abraham obeys God.

Genesis 22:1-19

Abraham and Sarah were happy. They had a baby boy named Isaac. God had promised that they would have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Isaac. All these people would help others learn about God's love.

God wanted to make sure that Abraham would always obey God's instructions and follow Him.

God told Abraham to take his son Isaac and offer him to God, like he would offer a goat or a lamb on an altar. But this meant Isaac would die! Abraham was very sad. Abraham must have wondered why God wanted him to do this. But Abraham decided to obey God.

Abraham and Isaac walked up to the top of a nearby mountain. When they got to the top,

Abraham built an altar. Isaac asked Abraham where the animal was for the offering. Abraham told Isaac that God would provide the animal. Then Abraham tied Isaac's feet and hands and set him on top of the altar.

At that moment, Abraham heard a voice. It was an angel sent by God. The angel told Abraham to STOP. God knew that Abraham had obeyed him.

Abraham heard a noise. He saw an animal called a ram. The ram was stuck in the bushes. God had provided the animal for the offering! Abraham thanked God! Abraham quickly untied Isaac and offered the ram to God. Abraham must have been glad he had obeyed God. And God knew that Abraham would always obey Him.

Isaac chooses not to fight.

Genesis 26:12-33



Isaac chooses not to fight.

Genesis 26:12-33

Isaac needed to dig a well so his family and his helpers and his animals could have good water to drink. Isaac's helpers worked hard digging deep into the ground. Then, water began to fill up the hole!

Everyone was happy except Isaac's neighbors. They shouted, "That well is ours!" Isaac did not want to fight with his neighbors. So Isaac let them have the well. Isaac moved on to another place. He told his helpers to dig another well.

The helpers worked hard again. Soon water began to fill up the hole. But then Isaac's neighbors came again. "That well is ours!" they shouted.

Isaac still wanted to be kind to his neighbors. So Isaac moved to another place again. And he told his helpers to dig another well. That night God said to Isaac, "Do not be afraid, Isaac. I will always be with you."

Isaac's neighbors came again. They said, "We will not fight with you any more." Isaac was very happy! Isaac was glad God had helped him to be kind.

Jacob tricks Isaac.

Genesis 27:1-45



Jacob tricks Isaac.

Genesis 27:1-45

Isaac had two grown-up sons named Jacob and Esau. One day Isaac told Esau, "I am getting old. I want to give you my blessing before I die." (The blessing was a special promise given to the family's new leader.) Isaac wanted Esau to be that new leader. Isaac asked Esau to go hunting and cook Isaac's favorite food. Then Isaac would give Esau the blessing. Esau went hunting right away!

But Jacob and Esau's mother, Rebekah, wanted Jacob to be the new leader of the family, instead of Esau. She told Jacob, "We will get the blessing for you instead. Quickly, while Esau is gone, do what I tell you."

Rebekah told Jacob to put on Esau's clothes. This made Jacob smell like Esau. She put hairy pieces of goatskin on Jacob's hands and neck. This made Jacob feel more like Esau, because Esau had a lot of hair. Isaac could not see very well, so

Rebekah and Jacob hoped Isaac would think Jacob WAS Esau! Rebekah made Isaac's favorite meal.

Jacob took the food to his father. Then he told a lie. "It's me, Esau," Jacob said. "I've made your favorite food." The tricks worked! Isaac said, "It sounds like Jacob's voice, but these hands feel like Esau's."

After Isaac ate, he asked God to give his son many good things. He asked God to make his son a great leader. Isaac's prayer was called a blessing. He thought he was blessing Esau. But he was really blessing Jacob!

Soon Esau came home. When Esau found out Jacob had tricked their father, he was very angry. He wanted to hurt Jacob! Jacob had to go away for many years. Because Jacob didn't do what was right, his family was sad and angry.

Jacob goes home.

Genesis 31:1—33:20



Jacob goes home.

Genesis 31:1—33:20

Jacob lived with his uncle for a long time. Jacob had many sheep, goats, donkeys and camels. Jacob got married and had many children. After many years, God told Jacob it was time to go back home to the land where he used to live.

Jacob took his wives and children and all his animals and servants. They left Jacob's uncle's farm and traveled to the place God told them to go. But Jacob was afraid to go home.

Jacob was afraid because when he was younger, he had cheated his brother, Esau. Esau had been very angry and had wanted to hurt Jacob. Jacob was afraid that Esau would still want to hurt him. Jacob was afraid that Esau might still be so angry that he would hurt Jacob's family. So Jacob asked God to help him. And God took care of Jacob. Esau forgave Jacob and was kind to him.

Esau forgives Jacob.
Genesis 32:3-21; 33:1-11



Esau forgives Jacob.

Genesis 32:3-21; 33:1-11

Jacob and Esau were brothers. Jacob had tricked their father, Isaac, and took important things that were Esau's. Esau was angry with Jacob, so Jacob ran far away! He stayed for many years, got married and had many children in that faraway place.

One day God told Jacob to go back home. Jacob and his family packed their belongings and started out on the long trip. Jacob was worried that Esau was still angry. So Jacob sent some of his helpers to tell Esau he was coming home. The helpers came back and told Jacob, "Esau is coming to meet you. He has 400 men with him!"

Jacob was afraid. Four hundred men sounded like an army! Jacob prayed. He asked God to keep him and his family safe. Then Jacob sent Esau a gift of many animals. Jacob and his family walked far behind the animals. Finally, they could see Esau and his 400 men coming.

As Jacob walked toward Esau, Jacob bowed low, over and over again. Jacob was sorry for the wrong things he had done. Esau began to run toward Jacob. Esau came up to Jacob and hugged him! Esau forgave Jacob! The two brothers cried and hugged each other some more. They were friends again.

Joseph's brothers sell him.

Genesis 37:2-36



Joseph's brothers sell him.

Genesis 37:2-36

Joseph's father, Jacob, loved Joseph more than any of Joseph's other brothers. Jacob gave Joseph a special coat to show that Joseph was his favorite son. Joseph had dreams about being in charge of the family even though he was one of the youngest brothers. Joseph's brothers thought that Joseph was always bragging.

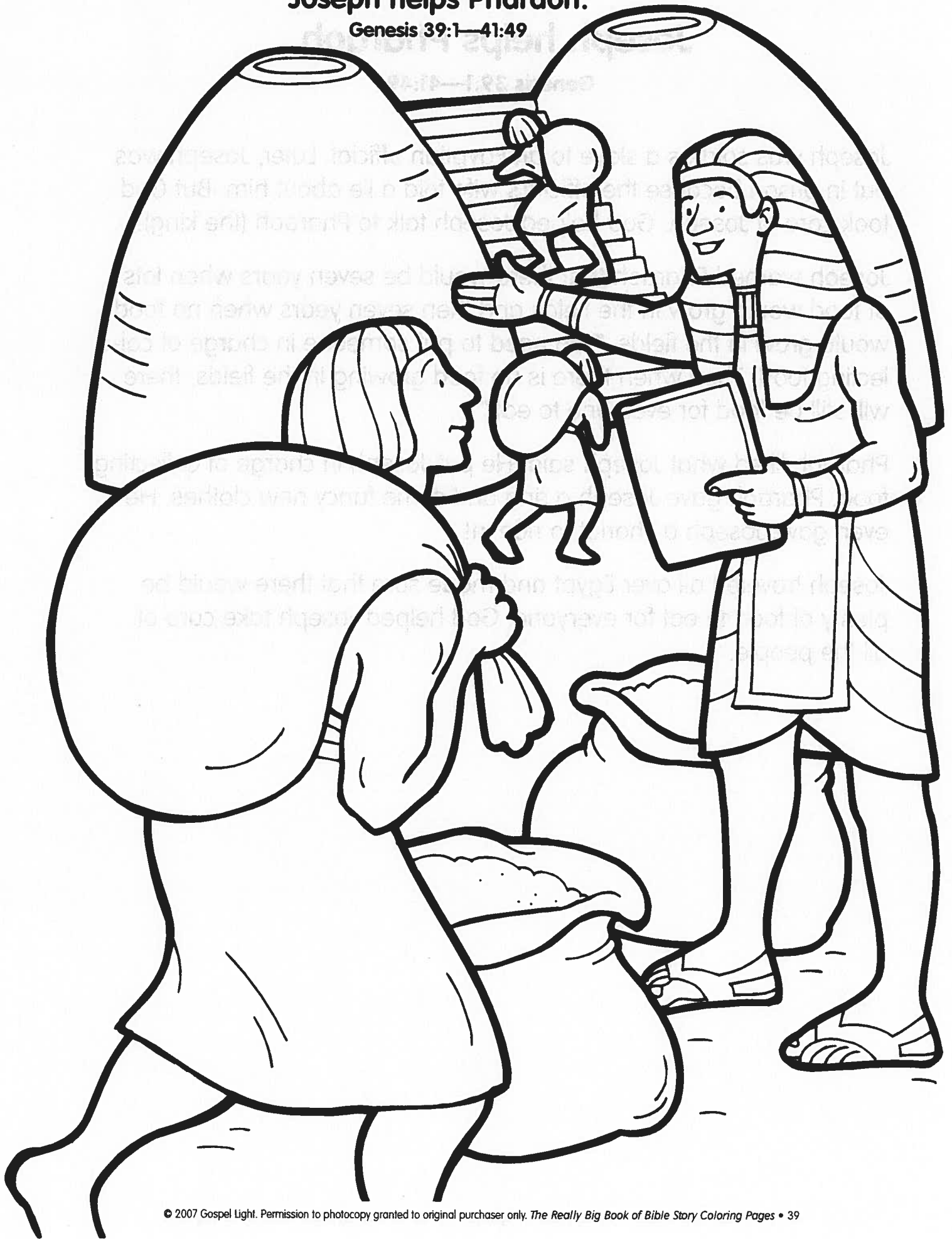
One day Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers while they were taking care of the sheep. Joseph walked a long time. Finally he found his brothers and the sheep.

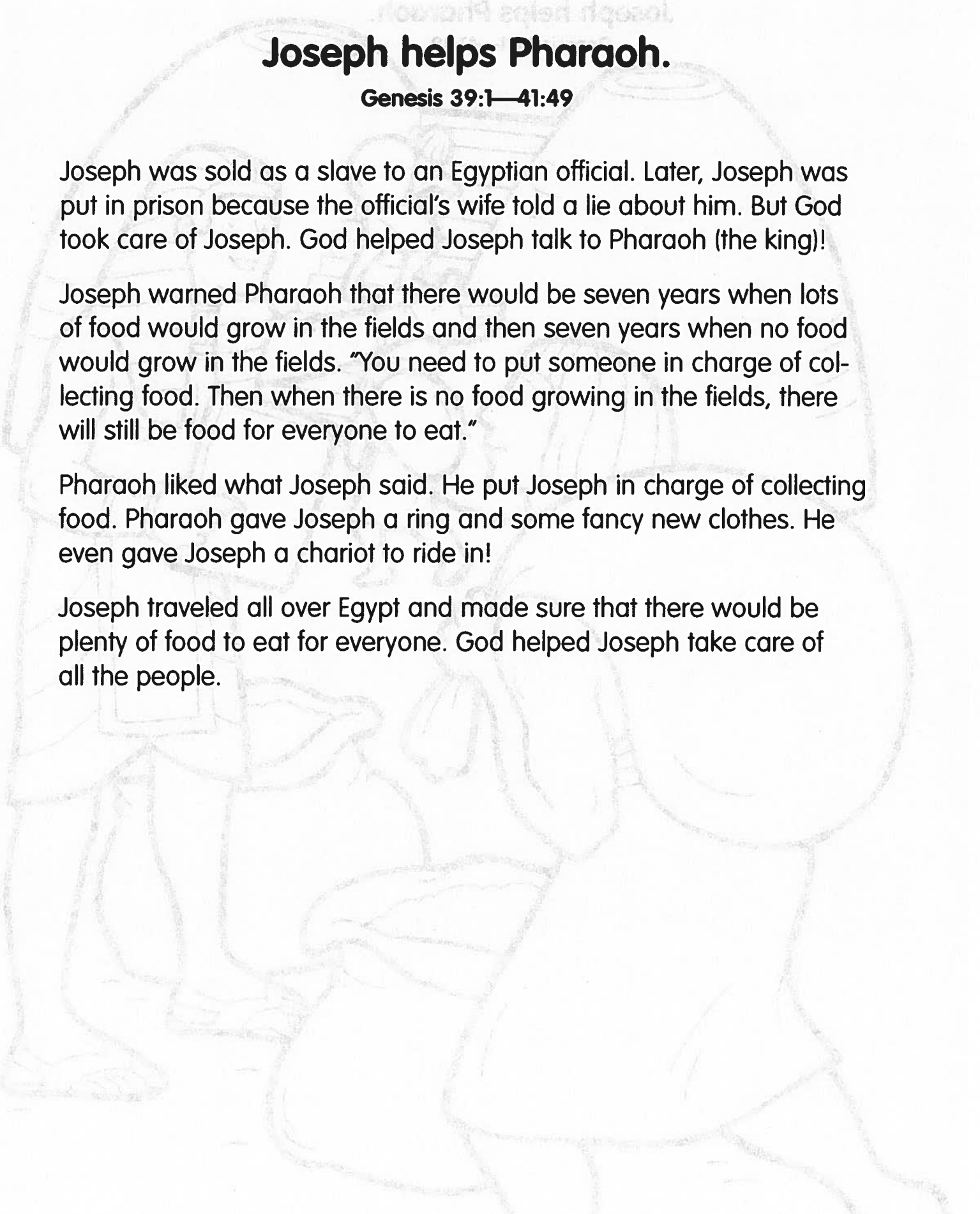
When his brothers saw Joseph coming, they decided to get rid of Joseph by throwing him into a dry well. While the brothers were eating lunch, they saw a caravan headed for Egypt. They pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him as a slave to the people in the caravan.

Then Joseph's brothers took Joseph's coat and tore it up so that it looked like a wild animal had attacked him. They told their father, Jacob, that they found Joseph's coat in a field. Jacob was sad because he thought that Joseph was dead.

Joseph helps Pharaoh.

Genesis 39:1—41:49



A faint, light-colored background illustration of Joseph and Pharaoh. Joseph is on the left, wearing a simple tunic and sandals, looking towards Pharaoh. Pharaoh is on the right, wearing a large, ornate headdress (nemes) and a long, flowing robe, looking down at Joseph. The illustration is done in a simple, sketchy style.

Joseph helps Pharaoh.

Genesis 39:1—41:49

Joseph was sold as a slave to an Egyptian official. Later, Joseph was put in prison because the official's wife told a lie about him. But God took care of Joseph. God helped Joseph talk to Pharaoh (the king)!

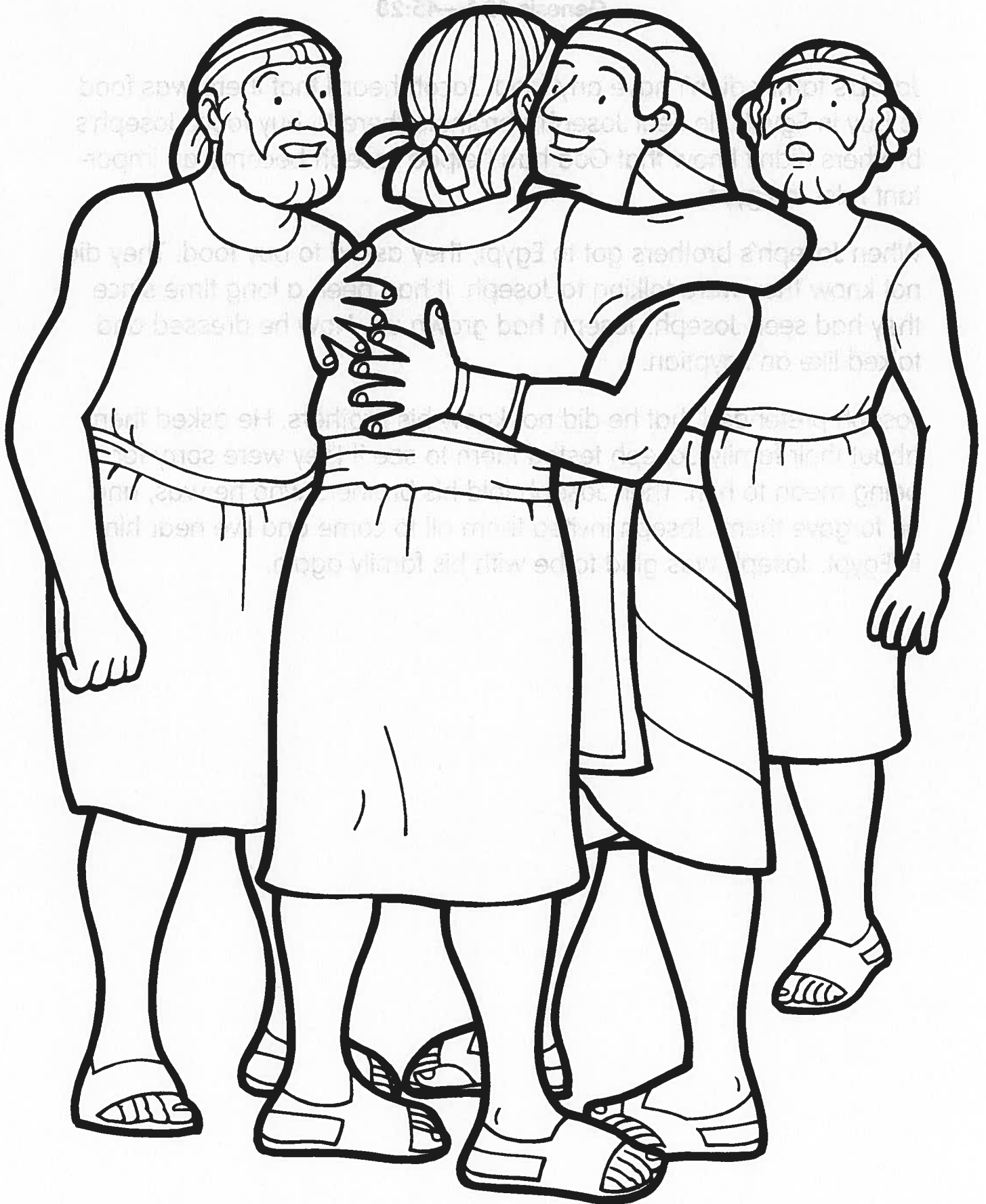
Joseph warned Pharaoh that there would be seven years when lots of food would grow in the fields and then seven years when no food would grow in the fields. "You need to put someone in charge of collecting food. Then when there is no food growing in the fields, there will still be food for everyone to eat."

Pharaoh liked what Joseph said. He put Joseph in charge of collecting food. Pharaoh gave Joseph a ring and some fancy new clothes. He even gave Joseph a chariot to ride in!

Joseph traveled all over Egypt and made sure that there would be plenty of food to eat for everyone. God helped Joseph take care of all the people.

Joseph forgives his brothers.

Genesis 42:1—45:28



Joseph forgives his brothers.

Genesis 42:1—45:28

Jacob's family didn't have any food. Jacob heard that there was food to buy in Egypt. He sent Joseph's brothers there to buy food. Joseph's brothers didn't know that God had helped Joseph become an important ruler in Egypt.

When Joseph's brothers got to Egypt, they asked to buy food. They did not know they were talking to Joseph. It had been a long time since they had seen Joseph. Joseph had grown up. Now he dressed and talked like an Egyptian.

Joseph pretended that he did not know his brothers. He asked them about their family. Joseph tested them to see if they were sorry for being mean to him. Then Joseph told his brothers who he was, and he forgave them. Joseph invited them all to come and live near him in Egypt. Joseph was glad to be with his family again.

The people of Israel are slaves in Egypt.

Exodus 1:1-22



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Exodus 1:1-22

Joseph's brothers and father and all their families moved to Egypt. They lived there for many years. They had children and their children had children. They were called Israelites. Soon there were many Israelites in Egypt.

There was a new king in Egypt now. This Pharaoh didn't know the good things that Joseph had done for his country. He was afraid of the Israelites because there were so many of them. He thought they might take over the country. The new Pharaoh made the Israelites his slaves. That means he made them work hard and didn't pay them.

Even though the Egyptians treated the Israelite slaves very badly, God had a plan to help the Israelites.



God protects baby Moses.

Exodus 2:1-10



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Exodus 2:1-10

Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites. There were many Israelites in Egypt. Pharaoh thought there were too many Israelites. Pharaoh planned to stop them by hurting all the Israelite baby boys.

But one mother hid her baby boy from the Egyptian soldiers. When she couldn't hide him anymore, she made a basket that would float. She put the baby in the basket and carefully put it on the river. The baby's big sister, Miriam, hid nearby to watch what would happen.

Pharaoh's daughter came to the river with her servants to take a bath. The princess saw the basket and sent one of her servants to get it. When she opened the basket, the baby was crying. The Princess felt sorry for him.

Miriam ran up to the princess and said, "Shall I go and get someone to take care of this baby for you?" The princess said yes. So Miriam brought her mother to the princess. The princess told the mother to take care of the baby. Later the princess named the baby Moses. When Moses grew up, he lived with the princess, right in the Pharaoh's palace!

God talks to Moses.

Exodus 3:1—4:17



God talks to Moses.

Exodus 3:1—4:17

Grown-up Moses went to live in the desert. He took care of some sheep. One day he saw something strange. A bush was on fire, but it did not burn up! Moses walked near the bush to see why it didn't burn up.

God spoke to Moses from the bush. He said, "Moses, take off your shoes. This is a holy place." Moses knew it was God talking. God said, "Moses, tell Pharaoh to let my people go free." God did not want the Israelites to be slaves anymore. God wanted Moses to be the leader of the Israelites.

Moses was afraid. He was afraid that Pharaoh would not listen to him. Moses was afraid that the Israelites would not listen to him.

God told Moses that He would help Moses do what God wanted. Moses would even be able to do miracles. Then Pharaoh would do what God wanted. But Moses was still afraid. So God told Moses that Moses' brother Aaron would help him. Finally, Moses was ready to go talk to Pharaoh.

**Moses says,
"Let my people go."
Exodus 5:1—12:32**



Moses says, "Let my people go."

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Moses went to Pharaoh. "God said to let His people go," Moses said. Pharaoh did not listen. Pharaoh did not care about what God said. Instead, he made the Israelites work even harder!

Moses went to see Pharaoh again. He told Pharaoh, "God is going to send terrible troubles on Egypt if you do not let the Israelites go." Pharaoh didn't care. He said no again!

God made terrible things happen in Egypt because Pharaoh would not listen to God. The troubles got worse and worse. Frogs came out of the river and got into everything. There were bugs everywhere. All the animals in the fields died. People got terrible sores and all the plants were destroyed. But Pharaoh still refused to let the Israelites go.

Finally, even Pharaoh's own son died. Then Pharaoh knew that God was powerful. Pharaoh told Moses and the Israelites to leave.

Moses leads the people out of Egypt.

Exodus 12:33-39; 13:17-22



Moses leads the people out of Egypt.

Exodus 12:33-39; 13:17-22

God wanted His people to leave Egypt and go on a long trip to a new home. The people packed everything they had. They gathered all their animals. There were hundreds of thousands of people! That's more than you would want to count!

Moses told the people, "God will take care of us. God will lead us and show us the way."

During the day, God put a big, white cloud in the sky. The people followed the cloud. During the night, God put fire in the sky. The people followed the fire.

All of the people and animals walked behind God's cloud during the day and behind God's fire during the night. The people were glad they were going to a new home. They were glad God showed them He was with them. The people knew God was taking care of them on their long trip.



God makes a path through the Red Sea. Exodus 14:1-31

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Exodus 14:1-31

Pharaoh wanted the Israelites to come back to Egypt. He didn't have enough slaves left to do all the work the Israelites had done before they left.

So Pharaoh and his army chased after the Israelites. When the people saw the army coming, they were afraid. They couldn't run away because they were at the edge of the Red Sea.

But God took care of His people. God told Moses to hold his hand out over the Red Sea. God sent a strong wind that blew and blew and made a path of dry land through the Red Sea. The people walked through the sea on dry ground!

The Egyptian army tried to follow them. When all the Israelites were safe on the other side, God told Moses to stretch his hand out over the sea again. The water went back into its place. Whoosh! The Egyptian army was covered up by the water.

All the Israelites trusted God because of the way He saved them from the Egyptians.

God gives water to the Israelites.

Exodus 15:22-27



God gives water to the Israelites.

Exodus 15:22-27

God was leading the Israelites and their animals on a long trip, away from Egypt. They walked through the hot desert. There were not many trees for shade. There was not much water to drink. There was just a lot of hot sand.

"We're hot," God's people said. "We're thirsty!" The sun got hotter and hotter. Their water was just about all gone.

Then someone shouted, "Look! Water!" The people hurried to the edge of the water. They took big drinks—but then they stopped. "This water tastes bad!" the people complained.

"Moses, what are we going to do?"

Moses knew God loved His people. Moses asked God what to do. God showed Moses a special piece of wood. He told Moses to throw the wood into the water. Moses did what God said.

After Moses threw in the wood, someone leaned over and took a sip of water. And then another person did. "It tastes good!" the people shouted. Everyone drank and drank! They splashed their faces and filled their water bags. God had given them water when they needed it. They were glad!

God gives manna to eat.

Exodus 16:1-36



God gives manna to eat.

Exodus 16:1-36

The people were hungry. They had been traveling in the desert for many days. They didn't have any more good food to eat. The people started to complain. They forgot that God would take care of them.

God told Moses that He was going to give His people food from heaven.

The next morning there were strange white flakes all around on the ground. "This is bread from the Lord," Moses told the people. The people called the bread manna. It tasted like crackers made with honey. All the people worked together to pick up the manna. Every day each person had enough to eat.

God gives the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 19:1—24:18



God gives the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 19:1—24:18

The Israelites walked in the desert for many days. They came to a mountain. God told them to camp by the mountain. All the people set up tents. They gathered fuel and made fires to cook food on. They found places for their animals to rest and eat.

God told Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. God wanted to talk with Moses. God told Moses many things while Moses was on the mountain. God gave Moses two stone tablets that God wrote His laws on. God told Moses many more laws for the people to follow. God's laws helped the people know what God wanted. God's laws told the people to be fair to each other.

Moses went down from the mountain and told the Israelites everything God had told him. The people promised to obey God.

The people bring gifts to make the Tabernacle.

Exodus 35:4—36:7



The people bring gifts to make the Tabernacle.

Exodus 35:4—36:7

God gave Moses plans to make a tent church called a Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was to be a special place to worship God. Moses told the people exactly how it should be made.

All the people who wanted to brought gifts of gold, precious stones and other things that were needed to make the Tabernacle. The people brought more and more beautiful things! It seemed that everyone wanted to give their very best things to help make the Tabernacle!

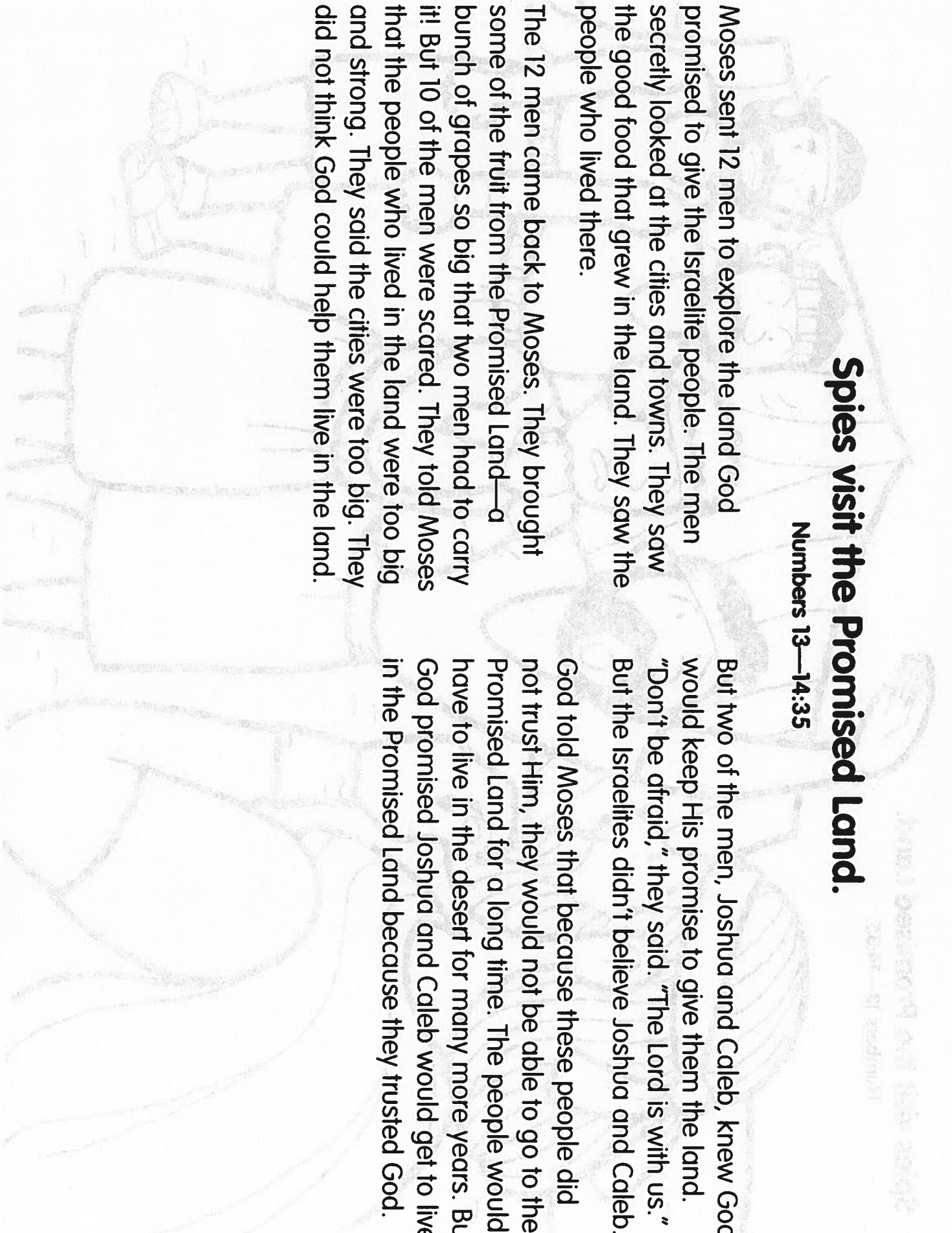
Soon there was enough to make the Tabernacle, but the people kept bringing more gifts. Finally, the men in charge of working on the Tabernacle went to see Moses. They said, "Tell the people to stop bringing gifts. We have too much!"

The people made the Tabernacle just as God told them.

Spies visit the Promised Land.

Numbers 13—14:35





Spies visit the Promised Land.

Numbers 13—14:35

Moses sent 12 men to explore the land God promised to give the Israelite people. The men secretly looked at the cities and towns. They saw the good food that grew in the land. They saw the people who lived there.

The 12 men came back to Moses. They brought some of the fruit from the Promised Land—a bunch of grapes so big that two men had to carry it! But 10 of the men were scared. They told Moses that the people who lived in the land were too big and strong. They said the cities were too big. They did not think God could help them live in the land.

But two of the men, Joshua and Caleb, knew God would keep His promise to give them the land. “Don’t be afraid,” they said. “The Lord is with us.” But the Israelites didn’t believe Joshua and Caleb.

God told Moses that because these people did not trust Him, they would not be able to go to the Promised Land for a long time. The people would have to live in the desert for many more years. But God promised Joshua and Caleb would get to live in the Promised Land because they trusted God.

God provides water from a rock.

Numbers 20:1-13



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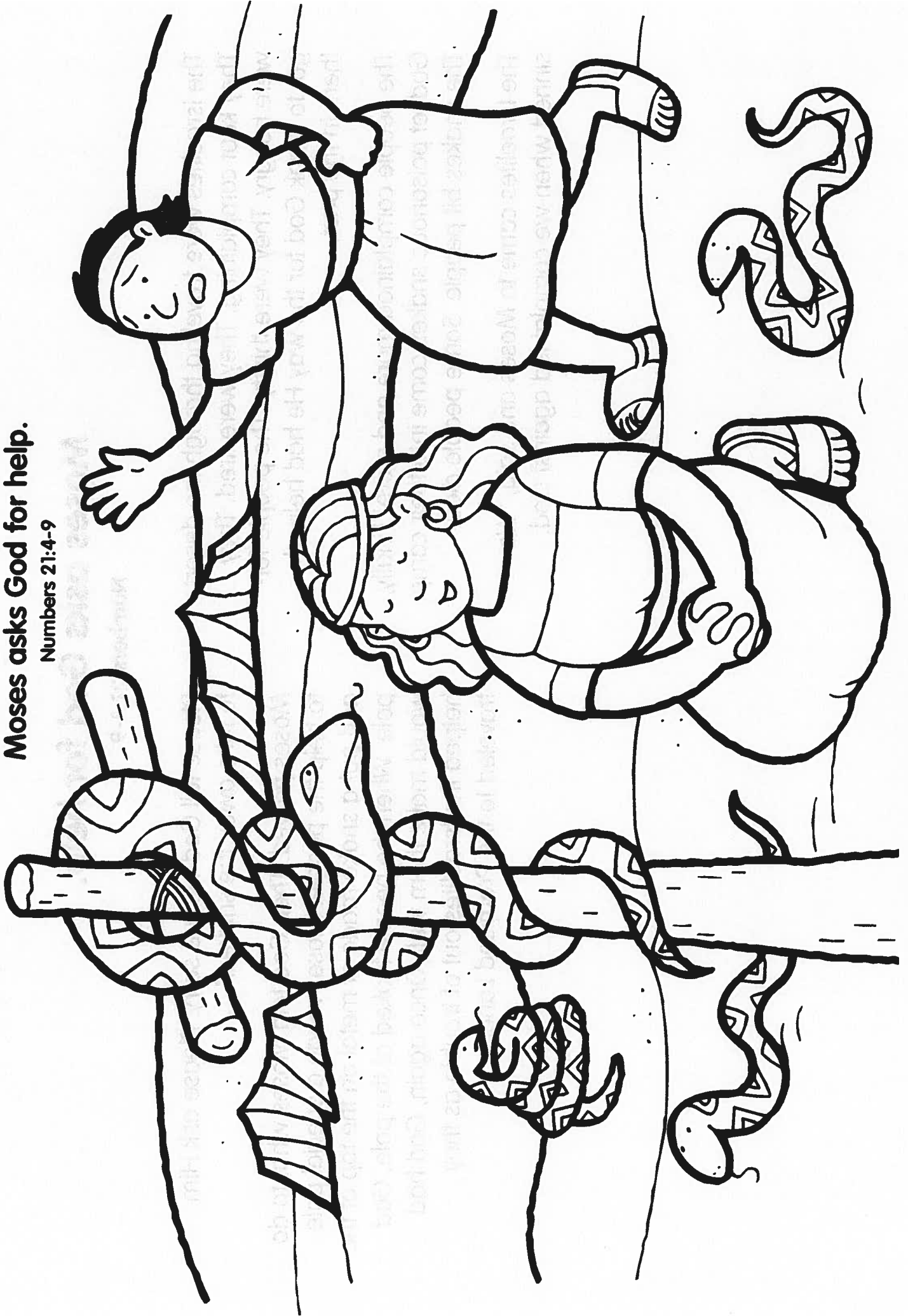
The people were thirsty. They came to Moses. "Why did you make us come out here to the desert?" they said. "Why did you make us leave Egypt? There is nothing good to eat here. There is no water."

Moses was angry with the people. They blamed him for all their problems. They forgot how God protected them and always cared for them. So Moses talked to God. God told Moses to speak to a rock in front of the people. God would make water come out of the rock.

Moses went to the rock. But Moses was so angry, he didn't do what God said. Instead of speaking to the rock, Moses hit the rock with his staff! God made water come out of the rock even though Moses didn't do what God said. God was sad that Moses didn't obey Him.

Moses asks God for help.

Numbers 21:4-9



Moses asks God for help.

Numbers 21:4-9

The Israelites were traveling through the desert. They kept complaining. They were tired. They were hungry. They were thirsty! The people forgot to thank God for the way He had helped them in the past.

The people complained more and more! Finally, God let poisonous snakes come into their camp. The snakes bit people. Some people died.

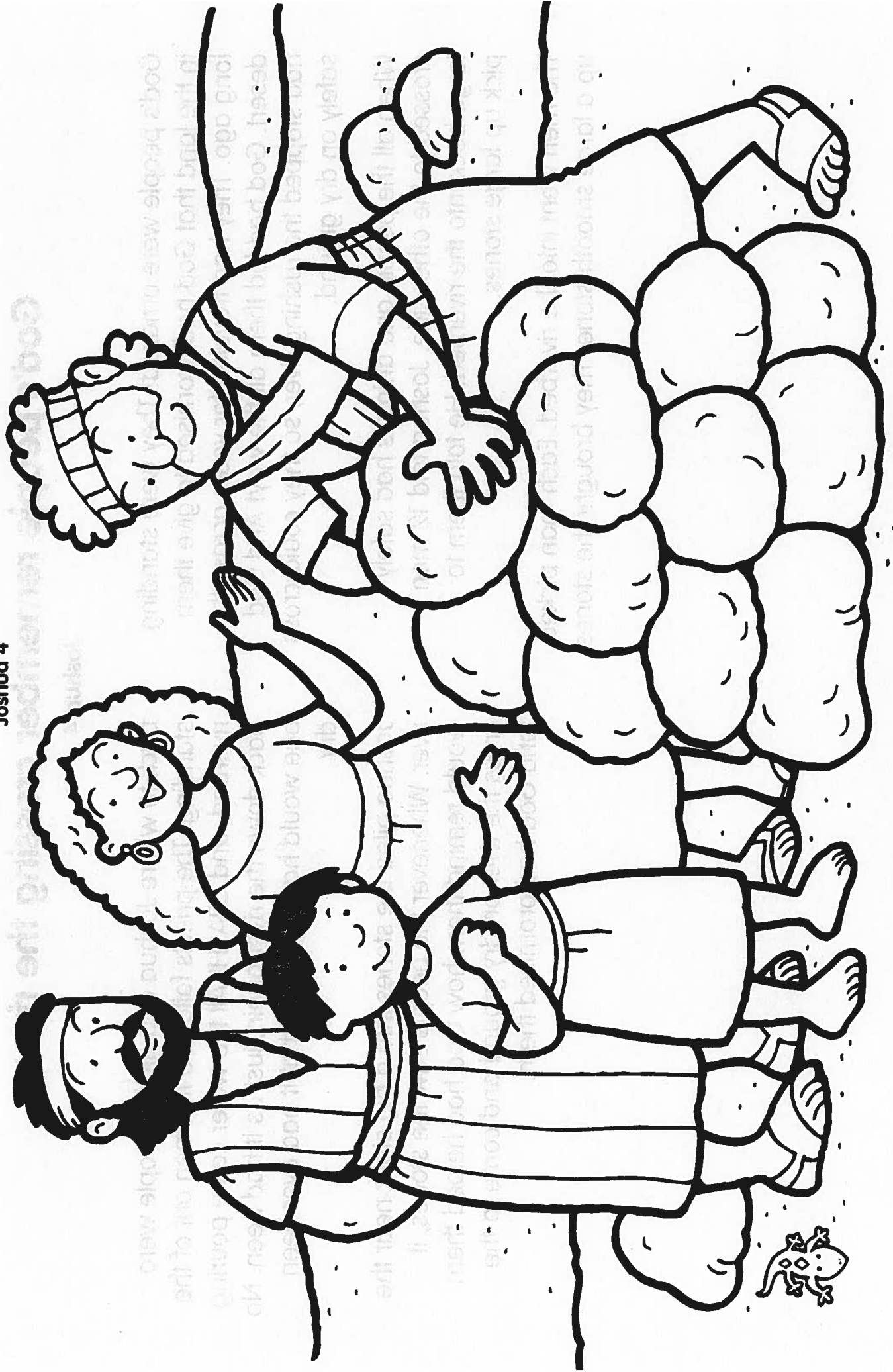
The Israelites came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we complained against God.

Please tell God we are sorry. Please ask Him to take away the snakes."

Moses prayed. Then God told Moses what to do to help the people. Moses made a special pole and put a snake made of metal on the top of the pole. When the people looked at the pole, God would make them well. Once again, God had helped the Israelites out of trouble as they traveled to the Promised Land.

God's people remember crossing the river.

Joshua 4



God's people remember crossing the river.

Joshua 4

God's people were amazed! They were standing in the land that God had promised to give them long ago. They had traveled for years across the desert. God had led them all the way! And God had stopped the rushing river, so they could cross safely on dry ground.

When all the people and animals had safely crossed to the other side, Joshua told 12 men to go back into the riverbed. He told them to pick up large stones.

The men went into the riverbed. Each man picked up a large smooth stone. They brought the stones

back to where Joshua and all the people were standing. The priests followed the men out of the riverbed, and CRASH! All the water came pouring back down the river again, just as it had been. No one would have guessed that it had ever been dry.

Joshua piled the stones into a big stack near the river. Whenever the people saw the stones, it would remind them how God had helped them cross the river on dry ground and come to the land God had promised them.

Jericho's walls fall down.

Joshua 6:1-20



Jericho's walls fall down.

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Joshua and the Israelites were in the land God had promised them. They were camped outside the city of Jericho. All around the city there was a huge wall made of rocks. The people of Jericho closed the gates to their city. They did not let anyone in or out. They were afraid of the Israelites, but they felt safe behind their city's big wall.

God told Joshua that the Israelites would take over the city of Jericho. God told Joshua what to do. Joshua and the Israelites did just what God said.

All of the Israelite men marched in a long line near the city wall. Some of the priests marched with them. The priests carried the box that held God's laws. Other priests blew on horns as they

marched. They marched one time all the way around the city wall. That's all they did for six days!

Then on the seventh day, the Israelites marched around the wall seven times. Then they stopped. The priests blew the longest, loudest blasts they could make on their horns. And Joshua led the people to shout with loud voices!

As the Israelites shouted, CRASH! The wall around the city fell flat to the ground! The Israelites marched straight into the city. God had helped the Israelites take over Jericho, just as God had promised.

Joshua is tricked.

Joshua 9



Joshua is tricked.

Joshua 9

When Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land, other people were already living there. Many of these people and their kings wanted to fight against the Israelites. But one group of people, the Gibeonites, knew that God was helping the Israelites. They knew they could not win a fight against God! So they made up a plan to trick the Israelites.

Some of the Gibeonite men dressed up in worn-out, dirty clothes. They put on old sandals with holes in the bottoms. They packed dried-out moldy bread into old, cracked leather bags for their tired-looking donkeys to carry. Then they walked over to the Israelite camp.

The men told the Israelites they had come from a faraway country and wanted to be their friends.

Joshua and his helpers looked at the Gibeonites' old sandals and moldy bread. Joshua thought the Gibeonites were telling the truth. He forgot to ask God what to do. He agreed to be friends with the Gibeonites. Joshua promised that the Israelites would not fight against them.

But three days later Joshua found out the Gibeonites were really their neighbors! He angrily marched the Israelite army over to their camp. Joshua told them he would keep his promise. Israel would not fight against the Gibeonites, but the Gibeonites must become the Israelites' workers. The Gibeonites agreed. After all, it was easier to be helpers than to fight against an army helped by God!

God makes the sun stand still.

Joshua 10:1-15



God makes the sun stand still.

Joshua 10:1-15

Five kings who lived in the Promised Land had heard that the Gibeonites and Israelites made a promise to be friends. That made them angry. The kings decided to attack the Gibeonites. The Gibeonites were surprised. The Gibeonites needed help, quickly! They sent a messenger to Joshua and asked for his help.

Joshua had promised to help the Gibeonites, so he called for his army. The army began marching to Gibeon. They marched all night! As they marched, God told Joshua that they would win the battle.

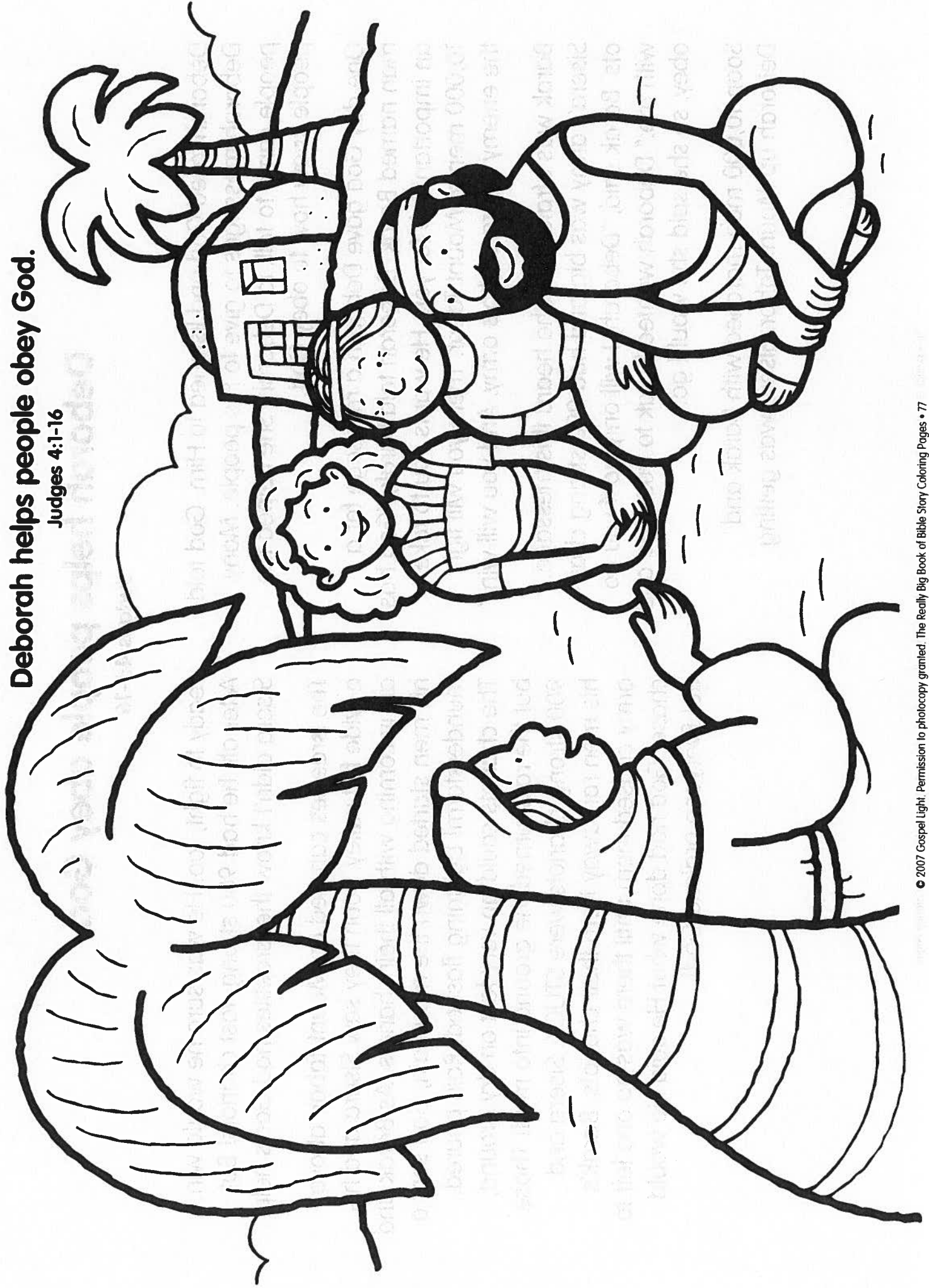
The next morning the enemy armies woke up. They were surprised to see Joshua and his army.

The enemies tried to run away, but God sent hail that stopped them. But there were still more enemies, and the sun was going down soon.

So Joshua prayed. He said, "Let the sun stand still! Give us extra daylight until we win this fight." And that's exactly what happened. God stopped the sun from going down. At bedtime, the sun STILL hadn't gone down! The sun didn't go down until the Israelites had won the fight. God had helped the Israelites in an amazing way. No other day has ever been that long!

Deborah helps people obey God.

Judges 4:1-16



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Judges 4:1-16

Deborah loved God and listened to Him. God told Deborah messages to give to His people. Many people came to talk to Deborah. She helped the people know how to obey God.

One day God gave Deborah a message for a man named Barak. Deborah told Barak, "God has an important job for you. He wants you to take 10,000 men to Mount Tabor. There you will fight the enemy Sisera and his army. And you will win!"

Barak was afraid when he heard this message. Sisera's army was big and had 900 strong chariots. Barak said, "Deborah, I will only go if you go with me." Deborah wanted Barak to trust God and obey, so she said she would go.

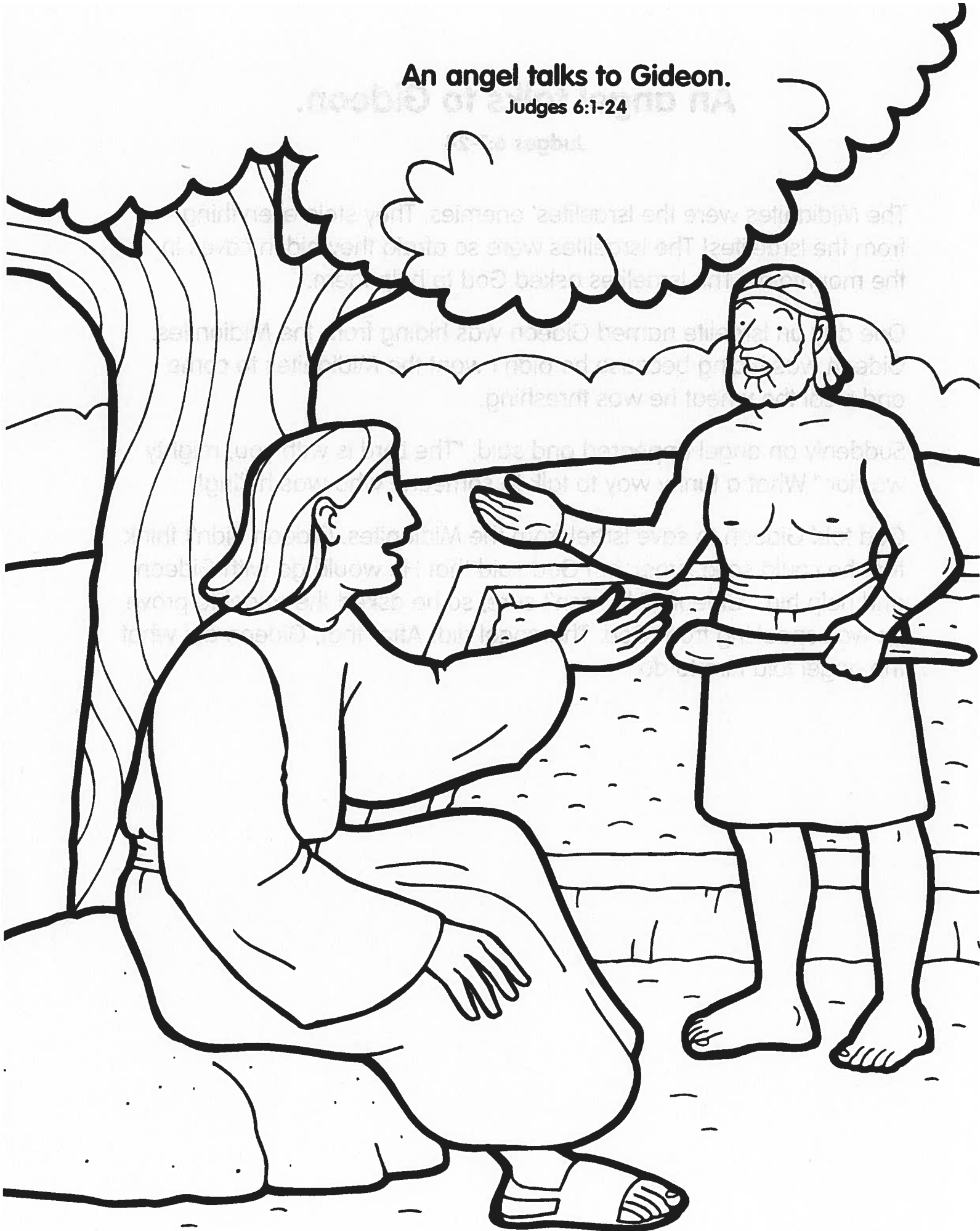
Soon 10,000 men marched with Barak and Deborah up Mount Tabor. Sisera was getting

ready to fight, too. He was sure he would win. After all, he had 900 strong, fast chariots! But Sisera didn't know the Israelites had God's help!

The Israelites camped on Mount Tabor, above a wide flat valley. Soon they saw Sisera and his army coming with all their chariots. As Barak and his men started down the mountain, God sent a thunderstorm! Lightning flashed. Rain poured. The chariots could go very fast on dry ground, but the rain turned the ground into mud! Those 900 strong chariots were STUCK. Sisera and his men ran away from their chariots. Barak's army chased them until there was no one left to chase! God had done what He said He would do! Everyone praised God!

An angel talks to Gideon.

Judges 6:1-24



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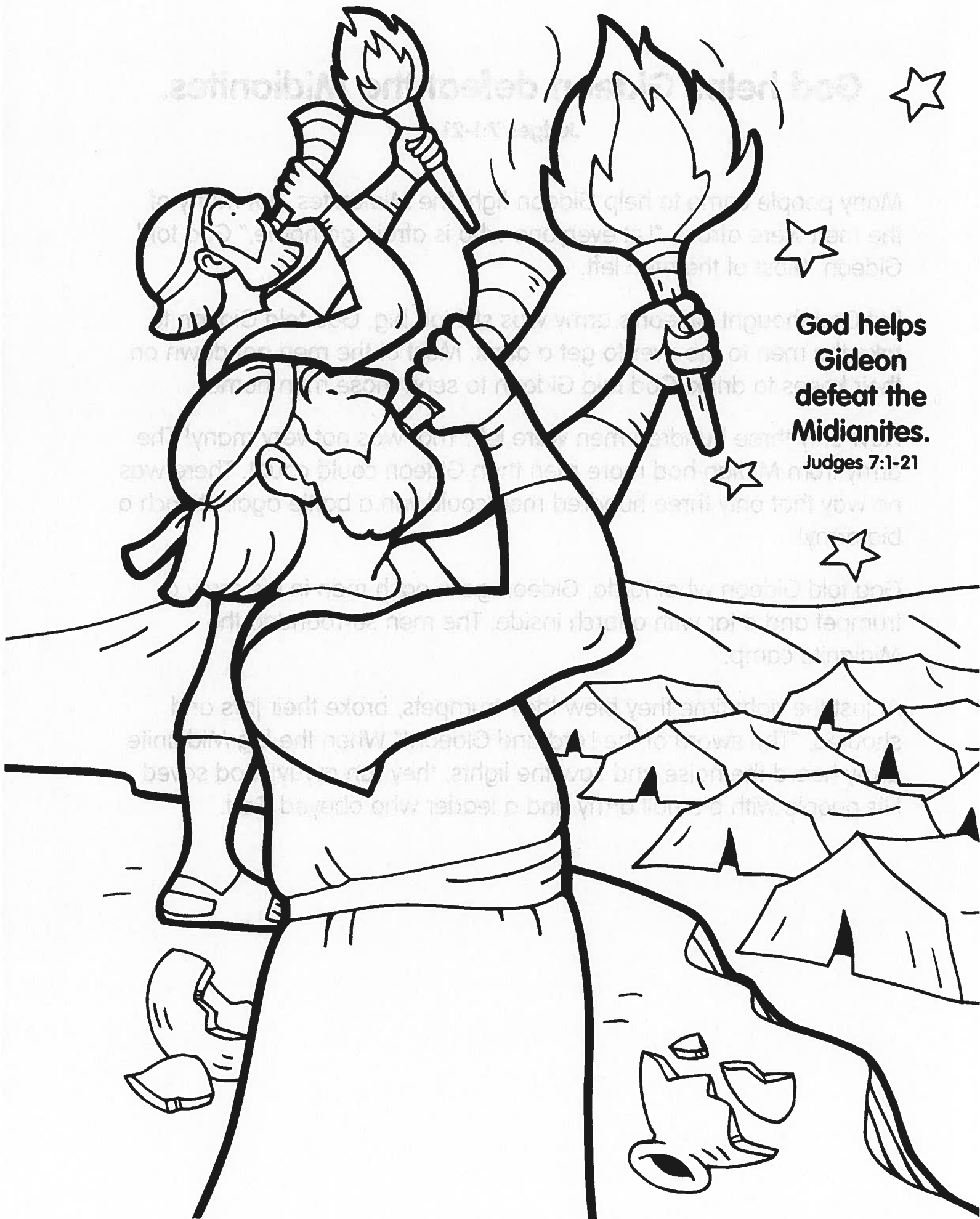
Judges 6:1-24

The Midianites were the Israelites' enemies. They stole everything from the Israelites! The Israelites were so afraid they hid in caves in the mountains. The Israelites asked God to help them.

One day an Israelite named Gideon was hiding from the Midianites. Gideon was hiding because he didn't want the Midianites to come and steal the wheat he was threshing.

Suddenly an angel appeared and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." What a funny way to talk to someone who was hiding!

God told Gideon to save Israel from the Midianites. Gideon didn't think that he could save Israel, but God said that He would go with Gideon and help him. Gideon still wasn't sure, so he asked the angel to prove he was speaking from God. The angel did! After that, Gideon did what the angel told him to do.



**God helps
Gideon
defeat the
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Judges 7:1-21

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Many people came to help Gideon fight the Midianites. But many of the men were afraid. "Let everyone who is afraid go home," God told Gideon. Most of the men left.

But God thought Gideon's army was still too big. God told Gideon to take the men to the river to get a drink. Most of the men got down on their knees to drink. God told Gideon to send those men home.

Now only three hundred men were left. That was not very many! The army from Midian had more men than Gideon could count. There was no way that only three hundred men could win a battle against such a big army!

God told Gideon what to do. Gideon gave each man in his army a trumpet and a jar with a torch inside. The men surrounded the Midianite camp.

At just the right time they blew their trumpets, broke their jars and shouted, "The sword of the Lord and Gideon!" When the big Midianite army heard the noise and saw the lights, they ran away! God saved His people with a small army and a leader who obeyed God.

Samson is strong.

Judges 13:1-25; 16:1-22



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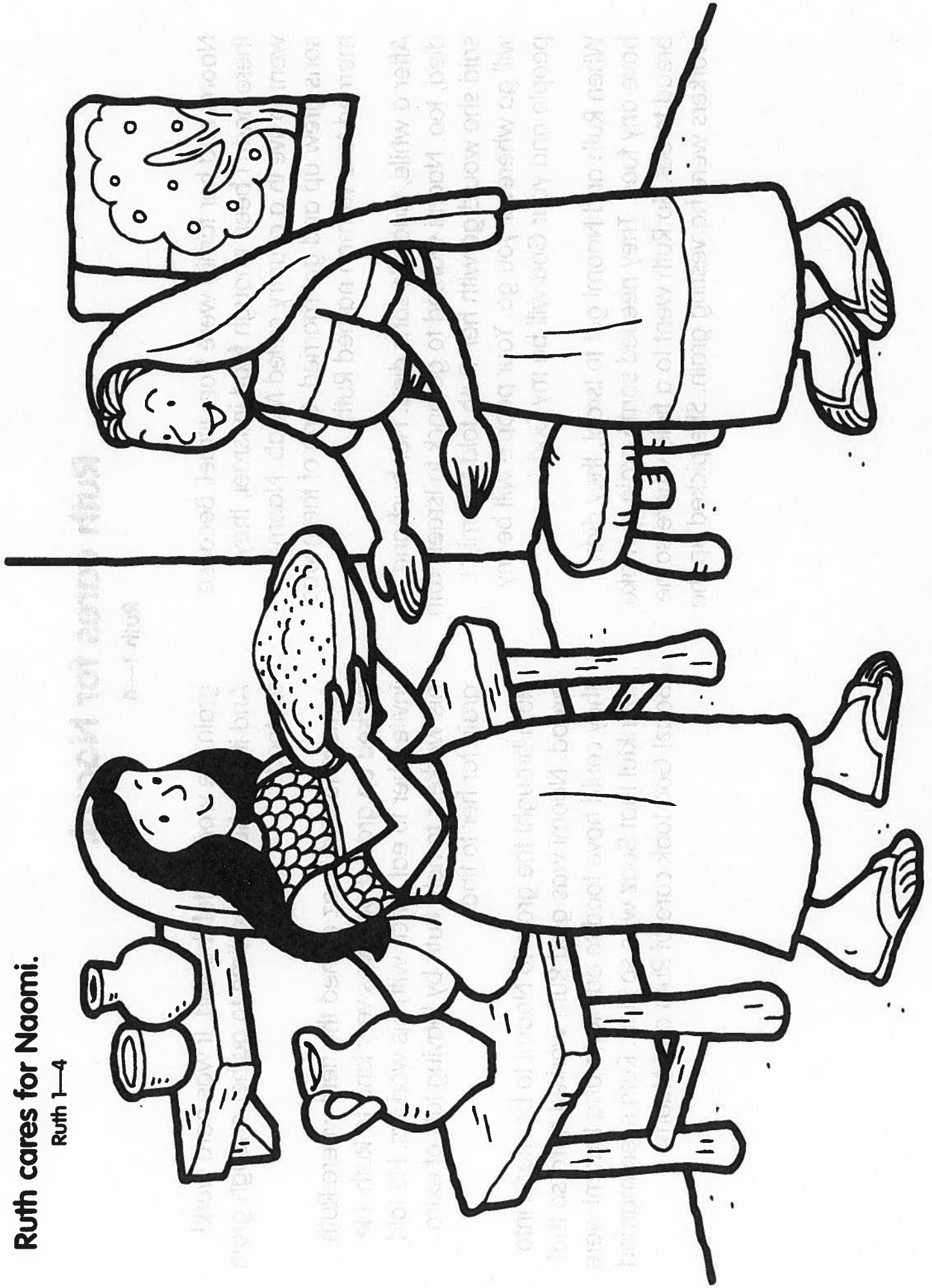
An angel told a man and woman that they were going to have a special baby. The angel told them that this baby should serve God all his life. The angel gave them special rules for this baby to follow. One of the rules was that he should never cut his hair.

The baby's name was Samson. After Samson was born, God helped him grow up strong. Samson fought the Philistines, who were hurting the Israelites. Samson became so strong that he could defeat entire armies by himself! Samson could break thick ropes as if they were strings and kill lions with his bare hands.

One day Samson let a woman called Delilah trick him. He told her how to make his strength go away. While Samson slept, Delilah called to the Philistines. She told them to cut off Samson's hair. When Samson's hair was cut, Samson woke up. Samson thought that he would still be strong, but the strength that God gave him was gone because he didn't obey God. The Philistines took him as their prisoner.

Ruth cares for Naomi.

Ruth 1—4



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Naomi and her family were from Israel. Because there hadn't been enough food in Israel, they went to live in a country called Moab. Naomi's sons grew up and got married. One of them was married to a woman named Ruth.

After a while, Naomi's sons died. Her husband died, too. Naomi wanted to go back to Israel. Ruth said she would go with her. Ruth told Naomi, "I will go wherever you go. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God."

When Ruth and Naomi got to Israel, they didn't have any food. They needed some grain to make bread to eat. So Ruth went to a field where some workers were harvesting grain. She picked up the

grain the workers left behind. It was hard work! And it took her a long time to gather enough grain for food.

A man named Boaz owned the field where Ruth picked up grain. Boaz was very kind to Ruth. He invited her to eat lunch with his workers. He told his workers to help Ruth by leaving lots of extra grain for her to find.

Ruth brought the grain to Naomi to be made into bread. Naomi was glad Ruth worked hard so that they could have food to eat. Ruth and Naomi were thankful that Boaz was so kind. Ruth even married Boaz! God took care of Ruth and Naomi.